

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

**Termination of Emergency Mayoral
Proclamation and Executive Order
And Amendment Nos. 1-3.**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Springfield in conjunction with City of Springfield Codified Ordinances ("SCO"), Section 115.01, provides that the Mayor may declare the existence of a state of emergency in the City of Springfield (the "City") by proclamation if the Mayor finds that a public danger or emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, a Mayoral Proclamation and Executive Order ("COVID-19 Proclamation") was issued due to the public danger and emergency from the recent outbreak and community spread of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Proclamation suspended: all purchasing and contracting requirements, regularly scheduled City Commission meetings, zoning/planning meetings, and all neighborhood-based community meetings; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Amendment No. 1 to the COVID-19 Proclamation was issued suspending all regulatory provisions of the SCO, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents essential for City governmental and business functions, and allowing the City Manager to adopt emergency orders to ensure public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, Amendment No. 2 to the COVID-19 Proclamation was issued requiring City Commission meetings to be conducted virtually and requiring the registration of any persons wishing to comment at the virtual meetings; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, Amendment No. 3 to the COVID-19 Proclamation was issued to impose a temporary curfew effective June 1, 2020 through June 3, 2020 only; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 continues to threaten our community, straining our local and regional healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, the measures instituted by both the State and Federal government continue to be in place to help delay the community spread outbreak of COVID-19 in the City; and

WHEREAS, Governor Michael DeWine's Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a state of emergency remains in place; and

WHEREAS, essential government and business functions have been restored, and City Commissions meetings have returned to being in person and open to the public for participation and attendance; and

WHEREAS, despite the remaining COVID-19 public health crisis, the City's COVID-19 emergency declaration, which pertained to City operations, is no longer necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WARREN R. COPELAND, Mayor of the City of Springfield, by the authority vested in me by the SCO, Section 115.01 (Mayor's Emergency Powers), do hereby find and proclaim that Mayoral Proclamation and Executive Order, issued March 16, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency, beginning March 16, 2020 is no longer necessary for City operations. Pursuant to this Proclamation, I hereby proclaim, determine, declare, and find that:

Section 1. The measures instituted by both the State and Federal government are suitable to prevent the community spread outbreak of COVID-19 in the City.

Section 2. The COVID-19 emergency proclamation and its subsequent amendments altering City operations are no longer necessary.

Section 3. The Mayoral Proclamation and Executive Order with Amendment Nos. 1-3 are hereby terminated, effective immediately.

I FURTHER DIRECT that within ten days after issuance the City Clerk shall publicize this Proclamation pursuant to Springfield Codified Ordinance 115.02, in the local publication. This proclamation will be reported, pursuant to Springfield Codified Ordinance 115.03, to the City Commission at the next scheduled meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Springfield, Ohio, to be hereto affixed this 6th day of October 2020.



Warren R. Copeland

Mayor Warren R. Copeland

Jill R. Pierce

Jill R. Pierce, Clerk of the City Commission